THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Multi Modal Transport System (MMTS) on Secunderabad-Hyderabad-Lingampalli section is scheduled to be launched on 9th August 2003 except at two stations-Necklace Road and Lakdi-ka-pui.

(b) and (c) The Survey for introduction of Inter-modal Transport System in Bangalore has been done. The Survey report is being examined at various levels by the Government of Karnataka and the Railways. The final decision for inclusion of the project depends upon its viability, availability of resources and concurrence of the State Government to share the cost of the project & other clearances as required.

Increasing incidents of negligence and sabotage in Railways

†2201. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of incidents of negligence and sabotage have increased after the year 1999-2000;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the RPF can not take any legal action due to existing laws and it hands over the said cases to GRP; and

(c) If so, the steps being taken by Government to remove the anomaly in the existing laws and to make the RPF more responsible towards the public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir. The number of incidents of sabotage has not increased after 1999-2000 except in 2002-2003 where an increase is noticed as compared to 2001-2002 and 2000-2001.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

During the last four years *i.e.* 1999-2000, 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 the following cases of sabotage were reported:—

Year	No. of cases reported
1999-2000	27
2000-2001	22
2001-2002	14
2002-2003	24

(b) Yes, Sir.

(b) A proposal for amending the RPF Act and the Railways Act to empower the Railway Protection Force to a certain extent is under consideration, so that, in case of need, the RPF personnel could also play a role in providing security to the Railway passengers. RPF, after these amendmetns, will be able to give relief to the passengers and Railways form the common day-to-day minor offences, so the GRP can concentrate on serious offences.

Linking of Bhiwadi with other railways stations

2202. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to link Bhiwadi in Rajasthan with other railway stations of the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard indicating the budgetary allocation for the project; and

(c) by when the project is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) A survey for construction of rail line between Bhiwadi-Rewari (27 km.) is in progress. Further consideration of the project would however, be feasible once the survey report become available.